Oxygen Therapy

Prescriber: For most chronic conditions, oxygen should be prescribed to achieve a target saturation of 94-98% (or 88-92% for those at risk of hypercapnic respiratory failure ie. CO_2 retainers).

Is the patient a known CO_2 retainer ? ☐ Yes ☐ No **Prescriber tick here if to continue upon discharge** ☐

Prescription:	Administration: Check and record flow rate (FR)/device (D) at each medicine round or other times specified and sign. Record oxygen saturations in the patient's observation chart

Year: **Day and Month** → **Other Times** →

Continuous oxygen therapy ☐
Or 'When required' oxygen therapy ☐

Target oxygen Saturation ☐ 88-92% ☐ 94-98%
Other saturation range .....
Tick here ☐ if saturation not indicated and state reason
e.g. end of life care

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Device Codes

RA Room Air (not requiring O_2, weaning or on PRN O_2)	**CP** Patient on CPAP system	**V24** Venturi 24% (change figure as appropriate for % in use)
SM Simple mask	**NV** Patient on NIV System	**H28** Humidified oxygen at 28% (change figure as appropriate for percentage in use)
N Nasal Cannulae	**OTH** Other device (specify).....	
RM Reservoir mask		
TM Tracheostomy mask		

If a ward patient is requiring high flow oxygen via non rebreathe mask, consider medical review.
If target saturations are 88-92%, nebulised drugs should not be driven by oxygen (unless specified by the doctor).